compiled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Gross Enrolment Ratios (the percentage of enrolment in a particular stage of schooling to the estimated child population in the relevant age group) for elementary (classes I to VIII), secondary (classes IX-X) and higher secondary (classes XI-XII) stage, as on 30-9-2004, were as under:

Elementary (classes I to VIII):	94.23
Secondary (classes IX-X):	51.65
Higher Secondary (classes XI-XII)	27.82

(c) Economic condition of the parents, poor access to secondary schools and societal attitude, particularly in respect of girls are some of the reasons for poor transition rate from elementary to secondary stage.

(d) and (e) The CABE Committee on "Universalisation on Secondary Education" in their report submitted in June, 2005, has *inter alia* recommended the following:

- The guiding principles of Universal Secondary Education should be universal Access, Equality and Social Justice, Relevance and Development, and Structural and Curricular Considerations.
- There has to be a norm for schooling. Such norms should be developed for each State with common national parameters as well as State specific parameters.
- Each State should develop a perspective plan for universal secondary education. Decentralized micro-level planning should be the main approach to planning and implementation of Universal Secondary Education.

(f) Education being a subject in the concurrent list, secondary education is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Several centrally sponsored scheme like "ICT @ Schools", "Integrated Education for Disabled Chiidren", "Access & Equity (Girls' Hostel)" contribute to improvement of gross enrolment ratio in secondary stage.

Extension of IIT, Kharagpur in Orissa

18. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pieased to state:

(a) whether IIT, Kharagpur has proposed extension of the Institute in Onssa and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for neither accepting nor including the proposal in the Eleventh Plan, in case the same has not been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur already has a small campus functioning at Bhubaneswar, Orissa, which offers Post Graduate Diploma in Information Technology and Business Administration. HT Kharagpur had proposed expansion of the existing campus at Bhubaneswar. The Government, however, has not accepted the proposal of an existing IIT to set up large satellite campuses. Therefore, the proposal of IIT Kharagpur was not accepted.

Norms for opening a Central University

19. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Central University in a predominantly tribal area or for tribal students during the Eleventh Plan, the norms for identifying the location ana other relevant factors;

(b) whether any State has been identified for locating such universities alongwith reasons for such decisions; and

(c) whether Government are aware that Educational Consultants of India, a Central Government Organizajion, had prepared a project report for a university for tribal education in Orissa in the early 90s and if so, whether its recommendations have been taken note of while taking a decision to finalise the location of the Central University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Educational Consultants India Limited, no such project report has been prepared by them.